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AGENCY FOR VANCE HALL, EA

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SEOUL FOR REIMBURSABLE SERVICES ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN THE PACIFIC

REF: PORT MORESBY 1176

1. WE NOMINATE WEP P. KANAWI, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NIDA) FOR SUBJ SEMINAR. KANAWI IS 27 YEARS OLD, NATIVE OF MANUS ISLAND, MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HE JOINED NIDA IN 1974 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LAW SCHOOL. HE HAS HELD SEVERAL JOBS IN NIDA, CULMINATING IN CURRENT POSITION IN WHICH HE MONITORS TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ALL FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. HE WORKS CLOSELY WITH SEVERAL GPNG DEPARTMENTS IN CARRYING OUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY,
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AND IS THUS FAMILIAR WITH INTER-DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES.

2. KANAWI IS ARTICULATE, CONCERNED YOUNG MAN WHO WE THINK CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SEMINAR; BENEFIT FROM OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH FELLOW PACIFIC ISLANDERS; AND LEARN FROM OVER-ALL PROGRAM.

3. HE NOW TENTATIVELY PLANS TO ATTEND OPENING OF GPNG EXHIBITION IN NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25, AND WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH POTENTIAL AMERICAN INVESTORS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA DURING TIME BETWEEN EXHIBITION OPENING AND START OF SEMINAR IN HAWAII. GPNG WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF HIS TRAVEL AND EXPENSES DURING THAT TIME. IF EXTRA MONEY NEEDED, SAY ONE WEEK OF PER DIEM, COULD WE WRITE PARTIAL GRANT FOR HIM AND FUND FROM IV BUDGET? IN ANY CASE, WILL HOLD DECISION UNTIL EXTENT OF GPNG FUNDING AND NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS KNOWN.

4. E/C OFFICER MAYBARDUK WILL SEND SEPTTEL TO DEPARTMENT ASKING OPIC TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGE FOR ESCORT. HE ALSO THINKS REIMBURSABLE SERVICES ATTACHE, WHO RECENTLY VISITED PORT MORESBY FROM SEOUL, MIGHT HELP WITH APPOINTMENTS AND WILL THUS KEEP HIM INFORMED ABOUT PLANS FOR KANAWI'S TRAVEL. MIGHT BCIU IN NEW YORK ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE? REGARDLESS, REQUEST THAT AGENCY COORDINATE KANAWI'S OVER-ALL PROGRAM. E/C OFFICER WILL ASK OPIC AND OTHERS TO MAKE INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH VANCE HALL, ICA/EA.

5. IN MEANTIME, PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF KANAWI'S NOMINATION FOR PROGRAM IN HAWAII AND STARTING DATE THERE.
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